

Kirk Quits As Envoy To Tapei

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Adm. Alan Kirk resigned yesterday as ambassador to Nationalist China.

The White House announced President Kennedy's acceptance of the resignation, and said that if the Taipei government agrees, Kirk will be replaced by Adm. Jerould Wright.

Kirk, 73, is now in the United States and wrote Mr. Kennedy that he was resigning because medical authorities said his physical condition would not permit a return to his post.

Once U. S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Adm. Kirk had been assigned to Taipei for nearly a year.

Mr. Kennedy wrote Adm. Kirk that he was accepting the resignation with "deep regret". The President offered "congratulations and appreciation" for what he termed the "outstanding manner" in which Kirk performed his duties.

Adm. Wright, 64, is a former top commander of U. S. naval forces in the Atlantic. In this 1954-'60 assignment, he was also commander in the Atlantic area of naval and other forces under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

He is now a member of the Board of National Estimates of the Central Intelligence Agency, a group which assesses the military strength of foreign powers.

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